



IMPORTANT WATER SAFETY REMINDERS

As more of us head out to enjoy the warm weather, we need to remember this is when the water is most perilous. Even strong swimmers can find themselves in a life-threatening situation in seconds. Rivers have debris clogs; use great caution when participating in recreational activities on rivers. Swimming and water sports are a great way to stay active, but remember:

- ✓ **Know the water.** Washington waters are cold, even on the hottest summer day.
- ✓ **Know your limits.** Save your strength and stop **before** you tire.
- ✓ **Learn to swim.** Young people are drawn to water. **Make sure** your children have the skills to stay safe. Swim in lifeguarded areas whenever possible.
- ✓ **Stay within arm's reach of small children.** Always be close enough to reach them **immediately**. Drowning is a silent event, so it is especially important to maintain visual contact. Avoid the temptation to play on smart phones while your child is swimming.

There are no lifeguards at the beach at McCormick Park. The City of Duvall is installing two life ring stations at McCormick Park for civilian use to rescue swimmers in distress. (These are **not** toys.) Each station will contain one life ring, be placed in an accessible location, and be plainly visible. We recommend that both rings be used simultaneously in the event that a swimmer is in distress. Also, please be sure to call 911 and notify them of the emergency.

Exercise caution while enjoying water-related activities this summer, and always wear a life jacket while doing so. The City of Duvall, its elected officials, Duvall/King County Fire District 45, and Duvall Police Department deeply care about the safety of you and your love ones. "Like" Duvall Fire on Facebook, and check out these links for water safety tips and river hazards info:

www.kingcounty.gov/recreation/boating/rivers.aspx

www.kingcounty.gov/safety/sheriff/Enforcement/Specialized/MarinePatrol/River%20Hazard.aspx

<http://winmedia.kingcounty.gov/dnr/dnrp/SnoRiver.wmv>